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SUBJ: VISIT OF EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN AND GENERAL REVIEW OF US-  
JAPAN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

DEPT PASS TO EPA FOR WINGATE LLOYD

MOSCOW FOR DR WILLIAM BROWN, WITH MR TRAIN'S PARTY

DEPT PASS TO CEQ FOR LEON SLAWECKI

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SUMMARY: SCICOUNS MET ON JUNE 10 WITH BABA, HEAD, INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS DIVISION, ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EA) FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS, INCLUDING TRAIN VISIT. END SUMMARY.

1. MEETING BETWEEN EPA ADMINISTRATOR AND EA MINISTER: M BABA  
ADMITTED THAT DATE AND TIME FOR TRAIN-OZAWA VISIT NOT YET SET.  
OZAWA'S TIME IS LIMITED BY DEMANDS OF DIET, WHICH WILL BE IN  
SESSION UNTIL JULY 4. BABA WILL TRY TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT  
ABOUT AN HOUR LONG ON JULY 2 OR 3. BABA SUGGESTED THAT MEETING  
BE THOUGHT OF AS AN INTRODUCTORY ONE AND THAT TRAIN AND OZAWA  
DISCUSS GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION IN US AND JAPAN. HE  
EMPHASIZED THAT OZAWA IS NEW IN OFFICE (ABOUT SIX MONTHS) AND  
IS STILL LEARNING. BABA NOTED THAT, FOR INSTANCE, OZAWA IS NOT  
CLEAR AS TO DISTINCTION BETWEEN CEQ AND EPA AND SUGGESTED THAT,  
AS ONE WHO HAS HELD BOTH POSITION, TRAIN MIGHT BE BEST PERSON

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TO EXPLAIN THIS.

2. ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENT: BABA REPEATED THAT EA FAVORS REFERENCE TO PPP, AS DOES ECONOMIC BUREAU OF FONOFF, BUT TREATY BUREAU OF FONOFF CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT REFERRING TO A MULTILATEAL AGREEMENT IS INAPPROPRIATE IN A BILATERAL ACCORD.

3. SENSITIVE PUBLIC ISSUES. BABA EMPHASIZED THAT CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS ARE QUITE SENSITIVE IN JAPAN. HE GAVE EXAMPLE OF INVIDIOUSNESS OF ACOMPARING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS (PARTICULARLY AIR POLLUTION STANDARDS) OF US AND JAPAN WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DIFFERENT SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES. BABA ATTRIBUTED SOME OF THIS SENSITIVITY TO ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTERS, WHO IN JAPAN MOST OFTEN COME FROM SOCIAL RATHER THAN SCIENTIFIC REPORTING BACKGROUND, AND THUS SEEM TO HAVE A PENCHANT FOR MUCK-RAKING. EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT EA WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO SPONSOR A FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER TRAIN-OZAWA MEETING. EMBASSY IS AWARE, HOWEVER, OF MEDIA INTEREST IN

INTERVIEWING MR TRAIN FOR TELEVISION AND RECOMMENDS THAT INTERVIEW BE MR TRAIN'S MAIN MEDIA APPEARANCE. THEMES TO STRESS ARE A) AMERICAN EXPERIENCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS AND B) US-JAPAN COOPERATION WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

4. FOURTH US-JAPAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: BABA STATED THAT OZAWA WANTS TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN US IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, BUT BABA THEN RAN THROUGH LONG LIST OF OBSTACLES SUCH AS SPECIAL DIET JBOION, VACATION PERIOD, PREPARATION OF ANNUAL BU35, AND EMPEROR'S VISIT TO US IN SEPTEMBER. HE PREDICTED THAT DATE MIGHT FINALLY BE SET FOR LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER.

5. EMBASSY MENTIONED TO FONOFF THAT MR TRAIN WOULD LIKE TO MEET FONOFF VICE MINISTER FUMIHIKO TOGO TO DISCUSS CCMS AFFAIRS, AS MENTIONED IN HARRIS-BLOOM CONVERSATION IN WASHINGTON. FONOFF SAID THAT IT HAD ALREADY DECIDED ON TOGO AS MR TRAIN'S COUNTERPART.  
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